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Re: Application of Koichi OHTO, Toshiyuki TAKEWAKI, Tatsuya USAMI,  
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING SILICON-DIFFUSED METAL  
WIRING LAYER AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD  
**Assignee: NEC ELECTRONICS CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q77191



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/281,321 (Confirmation No. 3881) filed October 28, 2002 of Koichi OHTO, Toshiyuki TAKEWAKI, Tatsuya USAMI, Nobuyuki YAMANISHI entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING SILICON-INCLUDING METAL WIRING LAYER AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, 87 sheets of drawings, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form and a Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>212</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>192</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$3456.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>17</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>14</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$1176.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<u>\$5382.00</u>
<b>Recordation of Assignment</b>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<u>\$5422.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$5382.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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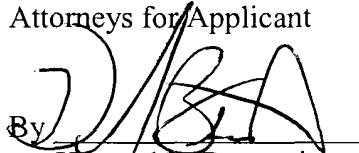
<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-132780	May 8, 2002
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Japan	2003-130484	May 5, 2003

The first two priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/281,321. The certified copy of JP-A 2003-130484 is enclosed herewith.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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